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ROOSEVELT IS NOW A PROBLEM

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and Neither Regulars Nor In-
surgents Can Claim Him.

By Ernest G. Walker.

(Mail Special to The Advertiser.)

WASHINGTON, July 6.—The Roosevelt problem in national politics is appearing. It may not be a problem at all but it is giving the party leaders occasion for thought. What is going to be the outcome of the numerous conferences at Oyster Bay? How will President Taft feel toward the talks at Oyster Bay with Insurgents who have been nagging him all winter long and trying to discredit him and his administration? Is former President Roosevelt only trying to bring these recalcitrants into line or is he laying plans that will embarrass the administration in its conduct of the campaign?

Observers seriously question whether the ex-President's course bodes any injury to the campaign. They are convinced, whatever may seem to be developing now, that Colonel Roosevelt will help not hinder. If he should pull at cross purposes, of course, he might endanger the success of the party in November. Several Insurgents have been to Oyster Bay and departed in high spirits, but, after all, that may not be tremendously significant. Men of both factions used to go to the White House offices in the Roosevelt days and depart in excellent spirits, even when they had not obtained altogether what they went after.

There has been only one out and out Insurgent announcement following one of these Insurgent visits at Oyster Bay and that was the announcement of Miles Poindexter, representative from Washington State, to the effect that Roosevelt supported his candidacy for senator from that State. But this was quickly denied by the ex-President which leads to the inference that there had been a misunderstanding somewhere. It made the Regulars feel very uncomfortable for a few hours, for Poindexter is a very rancorous Insurgent. He has scored the administration again and again on the floor of the house.

A Roosevelt endorsement of his candidacy would have set Washington State by the ears. Poindexter comes from the eastern and less populous section of the State, which already has one senator in Wesley L. Jones. Not only would Senator Jones and his friends have fought Poindexter at the primary, because of the prospect that in the event of Poindexter's election, Jones would have a big contest on his hands for reelection four years from now, but the western end of the State, including the big cities of Seattle and Tacoma would probably turn out to whang Poindexter good and hard. A Roosevelt endorsement of that character might have helped Poindexter somewhat, but it might also spell defeat for Roosevelt.

The visit of Senator Beveridge to Oyster Bay has also attracted attention, especially because of Colonel Roosevelt's promise to make a political speech in the senator's behalf. There is great need of strong Republican aid in Indiana. The Democrats now possess the State and have an advantage in the election of a legislature which will choose next winter a successor to Senator Beveridge.

Colonel Roosevelt's promise to go to Indiana therefore is a friendly act toward President Taft. The latter would like to see Republican success in that badly troubled State. The Republicans have been quarrelling sadly. There was a strange mixup at the time of the Republican State convention by which there was a refusal to endorse the tariff law. About that time President Taft declined to make a speech in Indianapolis and from those two incidents much ill feeling sprang. It is recognized that Colonel Roosevelt, who has always been very popular in Indiana, might be able to wear a little oil upon the troubled political situation.

In the last days of the recent session of congress Senator Beveridge resumed his visits to the White House offices, and there was an appearance of more harmony between him and President Taft. He and Colonel Roosevelt were generally on intimate terms, and the senator led some of Colonel Roosevelt's forlorn hopes in the upper legislative branch.

Nevertheless, the proceedings at Oyster Bay seem to have contributed a little to the perplexity at Beverly. During the visit between the President and the ex-President, some ten days ago, it is becoming evident that detailed plans were not discussed, and the President was not made aware of any particular plans the ex-President may be making with reference to the campaign. But it is altogether likely that Colonel Roosevelt was not himself aware of what he would likely do or of what visitors would press for a meeting with him.

There is every prospect of tremendous pressure upon Colonel Roosevelt to make many campaign speeches in September and October. He has now made two promises—one to speak in Massachusetts and one to speak in Indiana. Those are political speeches. It is certain that his own State of New York will want him to take the stump for a speech or two. Then there is Ohio, where the Republicans are in more or less stress. Illinois Republicans, Kansas Republicans, Nebraska Republicans, Minnesota Republicans and Wisconsin Republicans would all welcome the colonel for a political speech within their borders.

He is going West in the early autumn for a tour of speech-making on non-political subjects. This tour will make it easy for him to step aside for a political effort here and there. The Indiana Republicans are saying that his speech for Senator Beveridge will make a difference of ten thousand votes in their

State, and they think that may suffice to swing the State in their favor. When it is in one man's power to do so much for a party, it is increasingly difficult for him to turn a deaf ear to the appeals of leaders.

While all this activity proceeds from Oyster Bay, there is political quiet at Beverly. President Taft is enjoying a ten days' vacation. It was arranged that he should do so before he left Washington. He is receiving no visitors, and apparently paying no attention to politics. His secretary, Mr. Norton, let it be known some time ago that the bars would be up absolutely between July 5 and July 15. No word has come from there about the President's political plans, except an intimation that there will be "something doing" in politics along in August. It remains to be seen whether the politicians will rush thither after the Roosevelt conferences are over.

RARE FIND REVIVES PIRATE TRADITIONS

Articles Picked Up on Eastern
Beaches Thought to Be of
Old Hoard.

The recent discovery by a surferman at the Knobs Life-Saving Station on Palm Island, of a curious pewter porringer of a bygone age has once again given rise to the tradition so long current in Newburyport concerning the cache of treasure somewhere in the sand dunes of the island, says a Boston dispatch to the New York Herald.

For the porringer find by Gardiner Lettine is only one of many similar discoveries of late, in which silver buckles, gold coins of the early Spanish regimes, strange household utensils of silver, gold and pewter and valuable jeweled ornaments have been brought to light, evidently through the action of the waves along the shores.

Oddly enough—and this is a fact that strangely coincides with the oft repeated story of a great Captain Kidd treasure concealed here—these finds have all been made within a short distance of each other on the shore, and near a high bluff where it is impossible to tell whether the different objects have been washed up by the action of the waves from the bottom of the sea or whether they are gradually being unearthed from a place in the shore line, which once before the waves had eaten away the sand stood much further back and afforded a seemingly secure cache for a treasure trove.

In fact, so frequent of late has been the discovery of odd valuables of a date long gone, that there is no little interest now evinced among two groups of life savers, those at the Plum Island and at the Knobs station, concerning the mystery of these treasures. Moreover, not a few secret excursions have been made along the shore by natives with a view to locating some "huge" chest or iron-bound box that might hold millions in rubies, pearls and stolen wealth plundered from off the seas by some roving band of old-time marauders. In fact, the growing frequency of these discoveries on Plum Island has changed what originally only passed as a rumor into a well-credited tradition relative to the reason for these finds.

The story goes, and, indeed, there are those who assert that it is based upon facts handed down from the early days of the founding of Newburyport, that one misty morning, when Plum Island sat apart from the then primitive village which is now Newburyport and when only a few scattering settlers occupied humble cabins in the town, a huge, high-decked galleon literally swarming with swart-faced men put madly is toward the shore and suddenly came to anchor.

During the progress toward the beach, which was indeed a risky place for such a huge vessel to approach, there had been the continuous sound of firearms aboard the vessel. Some sort of a battle was in progress on the decks, it appeared to the few settlers who witnessed the advent of the strange vessel. In fact, so near to the land did the vessel approach before she cast anchor that those hidden in the woods thought that she was going to be run upon the beach. After the anchor was dropped the fighting, swearing and shouting continued aboard the ship nearly all day, during which time scores of men were seen to fall or be thrown into the sea. Finally the commotion gradually ceased, and, much to the amazement of those who had watched as best they dared the strange actions aboard the vessel, when the fog lifted there appeared to be only a handful of men left alive from the entire company.

That night a settler who had remained on the island to watch the vessel and notify the villagers if anything threatened from that direction is said to have witnessed a strange nocturnal expedition from the ship's side to the shore of the island—a trip in which three pirate boats brought ashore half a dozen great iron boxes and chests.

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On what appeared to be a piece of iron stone, dark brown in color and therefore making an excellent back-

ground to show off the precious stone, was embedded the form of a small snake or lizard of pure opal. The coiling body measured about two inches in length and the head and eyes are to be plainly seen. Even the scales of the back can be discerned.

Before Mr. Saunders secured the specimen had been submitted for examination at the museum, and he was informed on making the purchase that it was a reptile of some kind ossified and then opalized.—Adelaide Advertiser.

Some ladies were visiting the Boston Art Museum when one of them showed a lively interest in some very large plants which had been placed there for decorative purposes. She turned to one of the elderly retainers and asked him, "These plants belong to the banana family, do they not?" With some injured pride the veteran attendant answered coldly, "No; they belong to General Loring."